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SUBJECT: PROPOSED COMMERCIAL TOURS BY HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

REF STATE 173843

1. DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF YOUTH WELFARE, PRINCE FAISAL BIN FAHD (SON OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD) HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROACHED POST FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WITH KINGDOM'S SPORTS PLANS. INCLUDED IN DISCUSSIONS WAS FEASIBILITY OF VISIT BY PROFESSIONAL TEAM SUCH AS GLOBETROTTERS.

2. UNABLE TO CONTACT PRINCE FAISAL WHO TRAVELLING IN AREA BUT BELIEVE HIS INTEREST IN VISITING TEAM MOST  
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LIKELY STILL STRONG AS ARE CHANCES OF OBTAINING COMMERCIAL

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR TRIP IF SCHEDULE ACCEPTABLE AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

3. PRINCE FAISAL ON BEHALF OF KINGDOM HAS JUST CONCLUDED WITH WHITTAKER CORPORATION, LOS ANGELES, LARGE CONTRACT TO BUILD AND MANAGE COUNTRY-WIDE SPORTS PROGRAM INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES. RIYADH, JIDDA AND DHAHRAN BEST LOCALE FOR SPORTS PROGRAMS, HOWEVER, AS CONTRACT WITH WHITTAKER INDICATES, APPROPRIATE FACILITIES STILL LIMITED.

4. SUGGEST:

A) LEMON PLAN VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA DURING EXPLORATORY TRIP FOR CALL ON PRINCE FAISAL, AND POSSIBLY DIRECTOR OF WHITTAKER CORP. OFFICE IN JIDDA, RONALD MOSS.

B) DEPARTMENT CONTACT WHITTAKER PRESIDENT JOE ALIBRANDY, TEL (213) 475-4350 (10880 WHILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES) OR DIRECT LEMON TO DO SO SINCE WHITTAKER SHALL PROBABLY PROVIDE PRINCIPAL LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR ANY TEAM VISITS.

5. AS PART OF ITS CONTINUED CONTACT WITH PRINCE FAISAL AND AS INDICATION OF OUR RESPONSE HIS PREVIOUS REQUEST POST WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR LEMON SHOULD HE WISH TO VISIT KINGDOM. HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS POST ROLE IN FACILITATING VENTURE GIVEN WHITTAKER'S INTEREST IN SPORTS' PROGRAMS HERE.

6. POST HAS NO OBJECTION LEMON CONTACTING SAUDI EMBASSY WASHINGTON OR PRINCE FAISAL DIRECTLY. SHOULD LEMON WISH AND DEPARTMENT CONCUR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS, WILL NEED PRELIMINARY AND FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE OF TOUR TO ALLOW MAXIMUM CHANCES SUCCESS IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENT.  
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